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Deadline For Application: 17 July 2017

JOB TITLE: Policy Support Consultant (FIRST Programme)

TYPE OF CONTRACT: Consultant

DUTY STATION: Rome, Italy

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: FAO STRATEGIC PROGRAMME 1 (SP1)

DURATION: 6 Months (with the possibility of extension to another 11 months)

FAO seeks gender, geographical and linguistic diversity in its staff and international consultants in order to best serve FAO Members in all regions.

Qualified female applicants and qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged to apply.

Persons with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply.

All applications will be treated with the strictest confidence.

Organizational Setting

Food and Nutrition Security Impact, Resilience, Sustainability and Transformation (FIRST) is a FAO and the European Union partnership programme with the purpose of providing a policy assistance mechanism for improved food security and nutrition and sustainable agriculture. FIRST is designed to strengthen the enabling environment for food security and nutrition and sustainable agriculture in a number of selected priority countries. FIRST will be embedded within the FAO's programme management and coordination structure. It will contribute directly to the food security, nutrition and sustainable agriculture policy and governance related results envisioned under FAO Strategic Objectives 1. 'Help Eliminate Hunger, Food Insecurity and Malnutrition' and 2. 'Make agriculture, forestry and fisheries more productive and sustainable'.

Reporting Lines

The Policy Support Consultant works under direct supervision of the FIRST Technical Coordinator and overall supervision of the Deputy Strategic Programme Leader (SPL1). The Policy Support Consultant will work in close collaboration with the Policy and Monitoring Consultant and the FIRST Management Team.

Technical Focus

Policy assistance, governance, and capacity development support and facilitate policy dialogue around food security, nutrition, and sustainable agriculture.

Tasks and responsibilities

- Collect and analyse data and information from the priority countries for FIRST Policy Report;
- Liaise with FIRST policy officers to validate the information and the analyses conducted;
- Analyse the country level information and contribute to FIRST Global Policy Report;
- Provide monitoring, work planning and reporting support to a selected list of countries in Latin America and Caribbean;
- Provide comment and feedback to the progress reports provided by the policy officers;
- Liaise with relevant FAO technical divisions in support of the policy officers, based on their needs and specific requests;
- Support the finalization of the country profiles;
- Perform other duties as required.

Expected Outputs	Required Completion Date
1. First draft of Global Policy Report including 10 countries is prepared	1) 15/09/2017
2. Inception reports and work plans supported in 5 countries	2) Continuous
3. The review of progress reports (6-monthly and annual) are finalized	3) 22/12/2017
4. Contribution to the final draft of global policy report is provided	4) 22/12/2017

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in agricultural economics, development economics, food security and nutrition related area;
- Five years of relevant experience in providing support to monitoring, work planning and reporting processes, as well as data collection and analysis related to food and nutrition security and/or sustainable agriculture policy and policy processes;
- Working knowledge of Spanish and English

FAO Core Competencies

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building Effective Relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

Please note that all candidates should adhere to *FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency*.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All applications will be reviewed and qualified applicants will be contacted for interviews.
- FAO does not charge a fee at any stage of the recruitment process (application, interview meeting, processing).
- Incomplete applications will not be considered. If you need help, or have queries, please contact: iRecruitment@fao.org
- Applications received after the closing date will not be accepted.
- Only language proficiency certificates from UN accredited external providers and/or FAO language official examinations (LPE, ILE, LRT) will be accepted as proof of the level of knowledge of languages indicated in the online applications.
- For other issues, visit the FAO employment website: <http://www.fao.org/employment/home/en/>

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, visit the iRecruitment website at <http://www.fao.org/employment/irecruitment-access/en/> and complete your online profile. Only applications received through iRecruitment will be considered.

Candidates are requested to attach a letter of motivation to the online profile.

Vacancies will be removed from iRecruitment at 23:59 Central European Time (CET) on the deadline for applications date. We encourage applicants to submit the application well before the deadline date.

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